[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai]

A sum of Rs. 2-chs. 9-c. 6 was realised up to the end of Karkadakam, 1097, by the sale of vegetables till then.

(*d*) Government have no information.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: With reference to part (*b*) may I know what is the annual cost of maintaining the garden?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer is there. It says that no data are available as regards the annual cost of the old garden.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: What is the annual cost of the present garden?

PRESIDENT: It is not yet one year since the present garden was opened.

The *Para* Measure.

88. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have recognised the *Agrasala para* as equivalent to the standard *para*?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state at what rate Government have sanctioned or recognised the conversion of the Devaswom (Vaikam) *para* into the standard *para* or the *Agrasala para*?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) *Devaswom para* or the *Chandira para* is the same as the *Agrasala para* of 640 cubic inches, the standard *para* being of the capacity of 800 cubic inches. Hence the conversion of the *Devaswom para* into terms of the standard *para* is generally made as 800: 640, *i. e.*, by the reduction of one-fifth. At Vaikam, however, the *Tevarnazhi para* was in use as per *Pathivu kanakku* of 994 M. E. From that *kanaku*, it is seen that the *Tevarnazhi para* (Vaikam) is equal to 15/16 of the *Agrasala para*, having only the capacity of 600 cubic inches, *i. e.*, three-fourths of the standard *para*.

Establishment of a Magistrate's Court at Changanachery.

89. MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY: (*a*) Are the Government aware of the difficulties experienced by the people of the town of Changanachery and of the neighbouring *pakuthies* of that town, because they have no Magistrate of their own?

(*b*) Do the Government propose to take any steps to remove the hardships caused to the people by the recent changes in the territorial jurisdiction of Magistrates?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

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